

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15, 24-30, and 32-52 without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please amend claims 16-23, 31, and 53-54 as follows.

16. (Twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide, said nucleic acid molecule comprising

(a) a vacuole targeting sequence; and

(b) a plant-noxious pest control sequence linked in operable combination to said vacuole targeting sequence,

wherein the plant-noxious pest control sequence is a biotin binding sequence or a functionally equivalent variant or a fragment thereof.

17. (Once amended) The nucleic acid molecule according to claim 16, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is a DNA molecule.

18. (Once amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 17.

19. (Once amended) A host cell transformed with the vector according to claim 18.

20. (Once amended) The host cell according to claim 19, wherein said cell is a plant cell.